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Human Rights Award recipient announced (06/05/05)

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FREDERICTON (CNB) - The 2006 Human Rights Award will be presented to the Hampton John Peters Humphrey Foundation at a ceremony in the legislature on Friday, June 16.

"The Human Rights Award was established by the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission to recognize outstanding effort, achievement or leadership on a volunteer basis in the promotion of human rights and equality," said Gordon L. Porter, chair of the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission.

"The New Brunswick award was created to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1988," Porter said. "Therefore, it is especially fitting that we recognize the foundation for its outstanding work to promote the legacy of Hampton native John Peters Humphrey, who was one of the principal authors of the declaration."

The foundation, which is based in Hampton, was created in 2000 to provide a venue to learn about Humphrey and his work, to educate people about human rights, and to inspire them to advance human rights. Its activities have included seminars and annual forums on human rights, and support for a play and an art exhibition. It is working toward the building of a memorial to Humphrey by Hooper Studios, as well as the creation of a human rights and arts centre in Hampton.

The Human Rights Award certificate will be presented to the foundation at a special tribute to Humphrey in the legislature on Friday, June 16. The tribute is part of a national human rights conference organized by the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission and the Atlantic Human Rights Centre.

The recipient of last year's award was Guy LeBlanc of Saint-Antoine.

For more information, vist the New Brunswick Human Rights Award Nomiantion Process website. Information about the human rights conference may be found on its website.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The tribute to John Peters Humphrey will begin at 11:15 a.m. on Friday, June 16, at the legislature in Fredericton. MEDIA CONTACTS: Betsy DeLong, 506-832-5382, Hampton John Peters Humphrey Foundation; Francis Young, human rights officer, New Brunswick Human Rights Commission, Fredericton, 888-471-2233.

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